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FROM: CINCFE TOKYO JAPAN

TO: DA WASH DC . . . . . PRIORITY

C-63246 For OSGID. UNMSG Y 91087. CINCFE has no independent sources of info on FIC not available to DA; following consequently a local interpretation of intelligence reports generally available to Washington. Sources referenced in text are enumerated in Part C.

Part A. Viet Minh believed capable of launching large scale offensive Tonkin any time with simultaneous diversionary efforts in Annam and Cochin China (Ref 1). Chinese Communist and Viet Minh Forces now concentrating Langson-Cao Bang and Lao Kay areas and lack of recent attacks in Tonkin strongly indicates preparation for offensive (Ref 2). Normal planning would take into consideration end of monsoon season in Indo China and completion of supply routes in South China; both could occur as early as mid Oct 50. Arrival US aid to Indo China may cause Viet Minh to attack before such aid can be utilized. World political situation may cause offensive to be speeded up or delayed and this is believed most important factor in determining timing of a large scale Chinese Communist aided offensive.

Part B. Communist China expected aid Viet Minh in manner similar to aid given North Korea by USSR (Ref 3). Do not expect Chinese Communist troops to be used overtly; however such a possibility exists (Ref 4). Chinese Communists and USSR advisors are expected to be used covertly (Ref 5).

Part C. (1) FRU/FEC, 1361, 12 Aug 50. MA Saigon 2516092, 26 Jul 50
(2) British ISUM, 492, 1 Sep 50. MA Saigon, 2911102, 30 Jul 50
(3) FRU/FEC 1361, 12 Aug 50. MA SAIGON, 1319432, 14 Aug 50
(4) MA Taipei, 090030, 9 Jul 50
(5) State Dept 1708552, 17 Jun 50. FRU/FEC 1384, 2 Aug 50

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FROM: CINCFE TOKYO JAPAN TO DA WASH DC, GB/TI/JHP/JLD/db, 15 September 1950

MEMO FOR RECORD:

DA States Dept State seriously concerned over Indo China situation and requested GHQ latest estimate on indication of an offensive in immediate future and whether Communist China would assist Viet Minh or openly invade. This message provides DA with our interpretation of intelligence relayed to us through Washington. G-2, GHQ unable to give complete estimate as Southeast Asia is outside our jurisdiction and we have no controlled sources in that area.

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